

Diocese of Virginia: 2021 Northern Neck Region Report

The Northern Neck Region of the Diocese of Virginia is composed of twelve church communities across the Northern Neck. The Very Reverend Megan Limburg is the Dean of the Northern Neck Region. Sandra Kirkpatrick is the region representative to the Diocese of Virginia Executive Committee.

The Northern Neck Region held four virtual meetings in 2021 via Zoom. One of these was a Region Executive Committee meeting to finalize the allocation of six Shrine Mont Camp youth scholarships across the Region and the designation of a 2021 donation to the Committee on Aging.

In the April meeting, special guest Assistant Bishop Brooke-Davidson attended with topics including food justice and related initiatives across the Diocese, how church leaders are doing in communication and worship during this time, and “Resourcing God’s Mission” work. The Reverend Torrence Harman, as a member of the “Resourcing God’s Mission” task force, has been keeping the Northern Neck Region informed on the work being done, including the proposed plan “The Virginia Plan for Covenantal Giving”.

The Northern Neck Region used portions of each meeting for collaboration, lessons learned, and updates. Topics included guidelines for regathering outdoors and indoors for services, with sharing of plans. A special breakout session was held with two of the parishes to meet virtually with the Reverend Pilar Parnell for a Q&A on guidelines and recommended practices for in-person worship. Among other meeting topics are the active bible study groups and Education for Ministry (EfM) across the Region with highlights from Cople and Grace Parishes, virtual/online yard sales at Grace, the St. James monthly Food Pantry, and the St. Peter’s Thrift Shop and Community dinners.

Respectfully Submitted by Linda Hutt, Northern Neck Region President